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<p>ART UNIT: 1616</p> <p>EXAMINER: Sharmila S. Gollamudi</p> <p>APPLICANT: PIAO et al.</p> <p>SERIAL NO.: 09/559,799</p> <p>FILED: 04/27/2000</p> <p>CONFRM. NO.: 2670</p> <p>FOR: MIXTURES OF VARIOUS TRIBLOCK POLYESTER POLEETHYLENE GLYCOL COPOLYMERS HAVING IMPROVED GEL PROPERTIES</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE/AMENDMENT</b></p> <p><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8</b></p> <p>DATE OF DEPOSIT: <u>July 23, 2003</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p><u>Lany Leek</u> secretary</p>
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action, mailed May 7, 2003, the Applicant offers the following Amendment and requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application.